Flights between Delhi and Trivandrum

484. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present there is no airbus service between Delhi and Trivandrum and the existing hopping flight *via* Dabolim and Cochin takes a pretty long time; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to extend the flight No. IC 403 to Trivandrum so that the flight No. IC 404 returns from Trivandrum to Delhi *via* Bangalore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The daily terminator Airbus service between Delhi-Bangalore (IC-403/404) is operating to a very high seat factor and its extension to Trivandrum will not serve any fruitful purpose. Besides the present passenger demand between Delhi and Trivandrum does not justify operation of an Airbus service between these cities.

Avro base at Hyderabad.

485. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to close down the engineering base of Avro aircraft at Hyderabad; and

(b) if not, how Government propose to make use of the base after Avro aircraft are withdrawn from the Indian Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Hyderabad engineering base will continue to remain one of the engineering bases of Indian Airlines for maintenance of HS-748 aircraft and its components. Even at present, this base handles the workload of 7 HS-748 aircraft operating with Indian Airlines, 4 of Vayudoot, 2 of B.S.F., 2 of National Airports Authority and 1 of National Remote Sensing Agency. Even with the transfer of HS-748 aircraft to Vayudoot, the workload of HS-748 aircraft will continue to remain with the base. About 1500 HS-748 components of Indian Air Force are also overhauled at this base annually. In addition to maintaining HS-748 aircraft, this base handles line maintenance task on jet aircraft like B-737 and Airbus A-300 transitting/night-stopping at the base, and this workload will also continue to grow with additional induction of jet aircraft in the fleet.

Essential drugs and drug combinations identified by WHO

486. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer tto Unstarred Question 2970 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd December, 1986 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that maximum number of drugs and combination of drugs are being marketed in India;

(b) if so, what are the names of essential drugs and formulations identified by World Health Organisation as well as list prepared for use in Primary Health Centres and sub-centres in India;

(c) whether it is a fact that none of the drugs which are banned in other countries due to injurious effects fall in any of those lists;

(d) names of all such drugs being found hazardous in other countries still being allowed in India; and

(e) what are the reasons for allowing the drugs and what is the necessity in our country when most of advanced countries have banned its use and the name are in none of the essential lists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) There are about 50,000 formulations of doseage forms moving in